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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MOUSTAPHA MOUSTAPHA,

Defendant.

No. CR 24-CR-168-MS

DEFENDANT MOUSTAPHA
MOUSTAPHA'S NOTICE OF
WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION TO
SUPPRESS EVIDENCE OBTAINED
FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024
SEARCH BASED ON PREVIOUSLY
SUPPRESSED BRADY INFORMATION
THAT CALLS INTO QUESTION THE
LEGALITY OF THE DEA'S
INVESTIGATION

Mr. Moustapha, by and through his counsel of record, hereby notices the Court of his withdrawal of his previously filed notice to suppress evidence [ECF 21]. Yesterday evening, counsel received initial CW disclosures for CW-1, who was previously identified in reports and warrant applications as a "Source of Information," or "SOI," and not an active CW. It is now clear that CW-1 was, in fact, utilized as an active CW who was instructed to engage in illegal activities in Lebanon, and potentially, Dubai and the UAE. Mr. Moustapha did not

1 follow through on the specific illegal acts that the CW
2 asked him to do. This was not previously disclosed in any
3 report or warrant application and is *Brady*. Further, it
4 is unclear whether DEA agents were authorized to instruct
5 a CW to engage in illegal conduct in Lebanon, where such
6 conduct is punishable by life. Absent such approvals, the
7 DEA's investigation may have been illegal. If this case
8 continues beyond today's status conference (Mr. Moustapha
9 does not want a continuance), Mr. Moustapha will need to
10 supplement his previously filed motion. As of now, he
11 does not possess CW disclosures that would allow him to do
12 that.

13 Mr. Moustapha does not withdraw his previously filed
14 motion to preclude all testimonial and physical evidence
15 not produced prior to the August 5, 2024, status
16 conference.

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18 Respectfully Submitted,

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20 Dated: August 12, 2024

21 //s// Meghan Blanco
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